

### REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted as a Preliminary Amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination filed on even date. Having addressed all objections and grounds of rejection, claims 1-25, being all the pending claims, are now deemed in condition for allowance. Entry of these amendments and reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,070,150, issued to Remington et al (hereinafter referred to as "Remington"). In making his rejections, the Examiner has consistently relied upon findings of "inherency" concerning functionality not actually taught by Remington to equate to Applicant's claim elements. With regard to the "log-on" limitation, for example, the Examiner states in his most recent Advisory Action:

For instance, when a user starts up (for example) Microsoft Outlook, the application sends a logon service request to the email server, and in response to this logon server request, email is downloaded.

Quite apart from failure to identify Microsoft Outlook within Remington or to comply with MPEP 2112, which has been previously discussed, and quite apart from any required showing that the availability of "Microsoft Outlook" predates Remington (so that it could have been disclosed by Remington), the fundamental

differences between Remington and the claimed invention remains.

Remington shows a limited billing system. The bills once generated are made available only upon request for the bill. Whether by e-mail, telephone conversation, etc., the consumer of Remington must request the bill. Furthermore, notwithstanding the Examiner's citation of Remington column 16, lines 36-38, to show that multiple customers get the same billing information, it is counter-intuitive that Remington's inartfully drafted sentence means that a single bill is presented to a plurality of different consumers. Such a procedure would be highly objectionable to the vast majority of potential consumers.

Applicant's invention, on the other hand, involves a far more general purpose data base management system. The claimed automatically generated report is provided to a plurality of interested users without being requested by these users. Instead, a user logging on for use of the general purpose data base management system is provided the report without request.

The above amendments are presented to more clearly make this distinction. These amendments more explicitly identify the claimed "log-on service request" as the means to classify the user with regard to permitted functions and data accesses in accordance with Applicant's extensive disclosure of security facilities. Remington simply does not provide a bill until specifically requested and certainly cannot, as a matter of standard business practice,

provide a single bill to a plurality of consumers.

Having thus responded to each objection and ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-25, being the only pending claims.

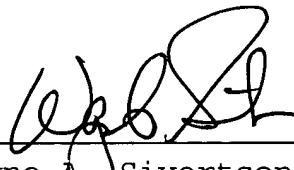
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